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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 10, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 12, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$930 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-08/19/2003 RHAR 25 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

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